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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NAM SUMMIT: REPORTED ARAB

COORDINATION AND CALL FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL IN
POLITICAL DECLARATION.

1. PRESS STORY IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED "CEYLON DAILY NEWS"
AUGUST 13 CLAIMS ARAB STATES HAVE DECIDED TO HAVE, AS
PART OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL DECLARATION OF NAM SUMMIT,
A DECLARATION CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM
THE UN. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, DECISION CAME OUT OF
SEVEN-MEMBER COMMITTEE SET UP BY ARABS TO COORDINATE AND
FORMULATE ARAB ATTITUDES TO ISSUES AT CONFERENCE. WE
UNDERSTAND MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEE ARE: EGYPT, SYRIA,
IRAQ, ALGERIA, LIBYA, SOMALIA, THE PLO AND ALSO INCLUDES THE NON-
MEMBER ARAB LEAGUE. THERE IS NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, AS TO
WHETHER THIS POSITION HAS ACTUALLY BEEN ADOPTED BY THE ARAB
STATES.

2. ANOTHER PRESS ITEM FROM AUGUST 13 "CEYLON DAILY
MIRROR" STATES THAT AUGUST 11 ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING DECIDED THEY WOULD AGREE TO SPONSOR THE DECISIONS
TAKEN AT THE ISTANBUL CONFERENCE AND THAT AN APPEAL SHOULD
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BE MADE TO THE SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT THE ISLAMIC
SECRETARIAT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMIT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT SEVEN-MEMBER ARAB
COMMITTEE DECISION MAY BE MORE FOR SHOW THAN EFFECT
(SEPTEL). IT IS DOUBTFUL ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT WILL BE
INVITED AS SRI LANKA HAS PUBLICLY CITED ALGIERS NACC
MEETING DECISION THAT NO ADDITIONAL NON-STATE OBSERVERS
SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE.
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